

Physician Assistant Career Pathway

JOB DESCRIPTION:

PAs are highly trained medical practitioners working under the supervision of physicians. They are trained and licensed to examine and treat patients, order diagnostic tests, prescribe medications, perform minor medical procedures, and assist in surgery.

SALARY RANGE:

\$42 - \$65 hourly

EMPLOYMENT:

Work as a PA

- May work in hospitals, outpatient clinics, or sometimes make house calls.
- Can specialize in surgery, pediatrics, women's health, and emergency medicine, etc.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING:

PA School (2-3 years)

- Academic and clinical training (rotating through various specialties in hospitals)

CERTIFICATIONS/EXAMS:

Must pass a National Certifying exam

PREREQUISITE:

College Degree (4 years)

- Consider taking courses required for PA school such as Chemistry, Anatomy, Statistics, & Microbiology.
- A minimum of 1,000 hours of hands-on, direct patient-care experience (paid or volunteer)



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For more information:

Ask your school's college/career counselor

<https://www.bu.edu/paprogram/>

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<https://www.mcphs.edu/academics/school-of-physician-assistant-studies/physician-assistant>